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GERMANY'S FOOD PROBLEM.

The Literary Digest, whose business it is to keep in touch with public opinion the world over and whose facilities to that end are unequalled, quotes from a number of German newspapers to show that in the Fatherland there is, especially among the poorer classes, a growing discontent at an increasing scarcity of nourishment food which is causing the government no little anxiety, and that this discontent is finding expression in the public prints, despite all the efforts of the authorities to suppress press comment on the situation. And that the conditions responsible for this discontent are not confined to any one locality, but are general throughout the Empire, may be reasonably assumed from the fact that the protests are voiced by newspapers in widely separated sections of the country.

For instance the Magdeburgische Zeitung says:

"On whatever side one listens, one hears rumors of grave discontent, indignation, and anger, although one hardly ever finds reference to it in the press. The editors are muzzled and are not allowed to represent the real feelings of the people. The discontent that is brewing is alarming. Something is preparing, the gravity of which can not be minimized. The root of it all is in the working classes, who can no longer secure food at a price they can afford to pay."

The Weser Zeitung, published at Bremen, which is a considerable distance from Magdeburg, delivers itself in very much the same strain:

"The indignant voice of the people is growing louder every day, although circumstances may muffle their cries. The roar at the helm of the nation must know that they have to safeguard, before anything else, the unity of the people. They will be held accountable."

The Frankfurter Zeitung, which is regarded as a conservative and reliable organ, is found saying:

"While our troops are fighting like the heroes of the classical ages, war is growing acute at home, where the people are beginning to interpret the miserable existing conditions as the defeat of the Empire. We jeered at the blockade, but today we laugh no longer. The sinister aspect of things certainly provides no food for laughter."

In the capital conditions are fully as bad, if not worse. According to Berlin papers, the government regulations now forbid the use of meat on Tuesday and Fridays, and of fats—i. e., butter, oil, lard, etc.—on Mondays and Wednesdays. "Let us frankly admit that the German people are in distress," exclaims Maximilian Harden in the Zukunft; while the Berliner Zeitung says:

"During the last few days at the municipal stores there was such a crowd that the police had to be summoned to keep order. They were mostly women. A great number had to wait hours, and many fainted and fell from sheer exhaustion."

MARKED CONTRAST.

Horror at the atrocities which have marked the conduct of war on land and sea by some of the nations now at war in Europe is deplored everywhere in the United States. The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot makes the following timely observations:

"Those of us who gave our youth to a cause which now lives only in a glory that clings to the Confederate flag, though furled forever, a glory apart from the genius that illumined defeat or the valor that sanctified it, a glory which is the common property of Americans now."

"The Confederate army under Gen. Lee twice occupied portions of Maryland and Pennsylvania, causing less damage to private property than the Federal troops who followed," depriving no civilian of life or liberty and molesting no women by deed or word. Gen. Lee's order when on the eve of entering Pennsylvania, and Gen. Bragg's, prior to his invasion of Kentucky and Ohio, are held up as

models of conformity to humane rules of warfare, and they were obeyed. When the Confederates retired they left behind them no trail of smoking homesteads, ravaged fields, desecrated churches, ravished women or slaughtered civilians. Fortunate for this country that it has such precedents to which to refer."

Seth Low in an address to the New York Chamber of Commerce, last week said:

"The Confederate cruisers, the Alabama and Florida, almost swept the American flag off of the ocean. They destroyed two of my father's vessels; for he scorned to seek safety for his ships by placing them under a foreign flag. But in all those years, so far as I know, no life of a non-combatant belligerent was lost as a result of these operations, much less any neutral life."

The Virginian-Pilot voices the sentiment of the entire southland when it says:

"The Confederacy is dead, but some of the virtues which its great leaders illustrated yet live and blossom in the dust. It is a proud epitaph that History has written on the tombstone of the dead warriors of the South: They fought like gentlemen and men of heart, and were as merciful as brave."

HORRORS OF THE WESTERN ZONE.

Letters written by German soldiers during the battle of Champagne, found on prisoners and dead depict the horrors of the war in Flanders.

"The battle front has disappeared in a cloud of smoke," wrote one. "nothing can be seen, for the French artillery fires almost as rapidly as the infantry. One armored shelter was crushed in, not one or the sixteen occupants having escaped, and men are falling like flies."

"Shells are simply raining upon us," another wrote, "if the end were only near! This is the cry every one should raise: 'Peace! Peace!'"

"Cruel hours!" a captain noted in his diary. "It is as if the earth were crumbling up. Our losses are very heavy. One company of 250 men had sixty killed last night, and a battery close by lost sixteen dead."

"Many of our men are useless," wrote the captain of the Twenty-fourth Infantry in a report intended for his superior officer. "We must have re-enforcements at once. Our men are dying of fatigue, privation and loss of sleep."

"Nothing to eat, heavy losses," noted another. "The French haven't ceased firing since the morning of the 21st; it has gone on for sixty hours; how long will it last? Every spot of our position is so bombarded that it is next to impossible for human beings to hold out any longer."

Another wrote: "We were 118 hours without food in a trench not two feet deep. Hell couldn't be worse."

In recent counterattacks German divisions were broken up and scattered, regiments even were divided, battalions sent to right and left in absolute contradiction of the German spirit of organization.

What acted most on the nerves of the German troops, according to information brought out by questioning prisoners, was the continuity of the French artillery fire, the weakness of their own reply, the extent of their losses, lack of food for several days and thirst. They surrendered in sections in many instances, and in whole companies in some. All acknowledged they were tired of the struggle.

A fact that is regarded as significant is that the re-enforcements the Germans sent up during the battle were mostly of the contingent of 1915, with some volunteers of the contingent of 1916, previously held in reserve at their bases. The conclusion drawn by some military critics is that Germany is nearing the day when she will no longer be able to maintain her present force on all her lines.

CAUGHT IN THEIR BEDS.

The recent battle of Champagne was a series of assaults by different sections of the French forces, each of which had its particular object in view arranged to harmonize with the general plan but executed independently. The lines that were forced were those organized by the Germans after the battle of the Marne and perfected by a year of systematic labor to a point where their defenders had so much confidence in them that the officers in command, though anticipating an attack, were caught in their beds by the first lines of the French rush.

The above brings to mind an incident in the career of Colonel John S. Mosby. During the early part of the war between the states General Stoughton, of the federal army, was located at Fairfax. The Mosby men had been giving the federals some trouble, and Stoughton, after having

issued orders to his men to run down the daring band of Confederates, went to bed and fell asleep in imaginary security. He was later awakened by Colonel Mosby. Stoughton, arose rubbed his eyes and said: "Have you got Mosby?" supposing he was addressing his own men. Mosby replied: "No, but he has got you."

FIRE ALARMS AND FIRE BUGS (Communicated)

Editor Gazette:

Will a modern, improved, double X, four-ply fire alarm system detect a fire-bug? Will it even deter one who enjoys the midnight alarms, the hurried dressing, the fear, the awe, the rattle and roar, the clanging gongs, the clatter and scamper of many feet, the lurid glare, the crackling flames, the flying embers, the holocaust? The next day's scene of desolation, gaunt stark timbers, bare and blackened walls, dismantled structures, the home of industry destroyed, the means of livelihood wiped out is to him one of delight. By all means that we can afford get a fire alarm system; but also "wake up" before the thing "goes off" and catch the nigger in the wood pile.

"Citizen."

GONE TO HER REWARD.

(Communicated).

The death of Mrs. Octavia Walker, removes from our midst one of the most amiable and useful of our people. Living to a ripe old age, her past was filled with ministrations to the less fortunate and her separation from them will be sorely felt. Never seeking the plaudits of the world, she moved in and out in her modest way, always thinking of others. Mrs. Walker was the mother of the late Champ Walker, who is remembered by many. She is survived by two daughters and several grand children and many nephews and nieces. She was a life long member of the Southern Methodist Church.

The Great Reaper, has been unusually busy the past year and none of his victims will be missed more than the deceased. It is said that it is darkest before dawn, and we know that her awakening will be in a city not built with hands, eternal in the heavens. Six of her grand nephews consigned her body to mother earth. Many out of town relations and friends were present to witness the last ceremony.

A DEAR FRIEND.

NEWS OF THE DAY

Robert Wood, of Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, has discovered a new broad blade belt on Saturn.

The publication of an agreement between Roumania and the allies is eagerly awaited in Petrograd.

Bucharest dispatches report that fifteen Russian warships, including three Dreadnoughts, have been sighted off the Bulgarian coast.

The intended departure of thousands of Austrians and Germans from New York, for their native lands is being investigated by Federal officials. The plans are said to contemplate a dash for the high seas on December 4.

Acceptances of Henry Ford's invitation to participate in his peace voyage are so numerous two steamers will be used to convey the pacifists to Europe. In addition to the Oscar II, sailing Saturday, belated delegates will be accommodated on the Frederick VIII. The latter sails December 8.

The Japanese naval estimates for 1916 total about 100,000,000 yen (\$50,000,000) a decrease of 6,000,000 yen from the 1915 budget. A supplementary expenditure of 45,000,000 yen for the construction of new warships, will be spread over a period of four years. The allotment for 1916 is 6,000,000 yen.

With the occupation of Rudnik, the capture of 2,700 prisoners and the flight of the "scanty remains" of the Serbian army into the Albanian mountains, Germany's operations against Serbia, have been brought to a close, says the official statement issued yesterday at the headquarters of the general staff.

The Canadian government has commandeered nearly 10,000,000 bushels of Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Northern wheat in terminal elevators, at Port Arthur, Fort William and in Eastern Canada. This wheat will be used to fill orders secured by the British government in the United Kingdom, and from the allied governments.

Activity on the western European battle front during the past twenty-four hours, with the exception of isolated local engagements, was confined to the air. Reports issued by the war office this afternoon and tonight,

chronicle a continuation of victories for the aeroplanes of the allied troops. Five aeroplanes were brought down in as many engagements.

While hundreds visited the scene of the tragedy on the Weitzmann farm, near New Brunswick, N. J., where six persons were found shot to death Saturday, the authorities yesterday began a search for a discharged servant girl who may furnish a clew to the motive for the murders. Samuel Weitzmann, his wife, and his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. David Kigner, and the two farmhands were the victims.

British military experts are awaiting Germany's next move. With the Serbian campaign ended, and with Greece and Roumania marking time, it is believed that the German general staff has already outlined the next campaign. Whether it will be Egypt, India, Italy or France, is the problem the allies have not yet solved. Most writers here believe the Suez Canal will be the objective at which the Kaiser will hurl his hosts.

Bearing every evidence of having been lynched, the body of John Henry Willey of Gibsonburg, Ohio, was found hanging from a tree yesterday only a short distance from where he is accused of having slain his aged grandmother, Mrs. Eva Kimbal, and seriously beaten his grandfather on February 12, last. He was tried on a charge of second degree murder, and the jury returned a verdict of assault and battery. Petition for a new trial on the latter charge has been filed, and he was at liberty under \$5,000 bail.

A Turkish submarine stopped the British passenger ship Barulos in the Mediterranean and after 25 persons had been drowned, assisted in rescuing many of the 250 passengers, who had gone overboard in a panic, according to Eleanor Franklin Egan, an eyewitness, who arrived yesterday in New York on the Barulos. When about five hours south of Crete, the ship picked up three boats containing the crew of the British steamship Sailor Prince, which had been sunk by a submarine a few hours previous.

The Serbians have received a French battery at Monastir, their forces under Gen. Vassich are at Topolitani, half way between Prilep and Monastir, while the left wing is between Krusevo and Roana. Monastir's defense is facilitated by the fact that the plain north of the city is inundated as when the Turks defended it in 1912. King Peter has told his suite: "I will either be killed by German shrapnel or I will kill myself when the enemies invade the plain of Kossovo, which will mark the fall of the Serbian empire."

VIRGINIA NEWS

By leaping overboard from the deck of the interned German cruiser Eitel Friedrich, at Norfolk last night, and swimming across the Elizabeth River, Ernest Schwartzgar, a sailor, enjoyed two hours of freedom in Norfolk. He was found by detectives, and is locked up at police headquarters.

The sales of tobacco in Lynchburg, last week brought the aggregate since the year opened September 1st, up to 1,068,400 pounds. During the week 299,000 pounds were marketed, but the breaks continue very light for the time of the year, a condition due to the continued dry weather. Prices as a rule are strong, this being particularly true of all desirable grades.

Edgar Beveridge, sixty-two years old, a car repairer was instantly killed yesterday morning in the Fulton Yards of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, Richmond, when he was struck by a coal car, which was being shifted. He was knocked down, the wheels passing over him. The body was so frightfully mutilated as to be beyond recognition.

W. T. Watkins, Jr., son of a prominent farmer, and 15 years old, had his head torn into fragments by being caught in a corn shredder in Hawkins county, ten miles from Gate City, Saturday afternoon.

On Thursday morning the mangled body of a negro man was found on the Norfolk and Western Railroad tracks about one mile east of Windsor. A coroner's jury was held over him and rendered the verdict that he came to his death from a bullet. The supposition is that he was shot and placed on the tracks. He had a bullet hole through his chest. There was a wound in his overall pocket some \$10 or more.

Ambrose Rucker, son of O. C. Rucker, a Bedford county lawyer, who has been a member of a medical corps with a Canadian regiment in Belgium, was seriously wounded in the eyes and about the head in action in Belgium, November 19.

Logan Mann, 30 years old, made a determined effort to kill himself Saturday night, when he fired a bullet from a pistol into his left breast, at the home of C. L. Chalkley, in Richmond. He was unconscious at an early hour yesterday morning. No cause was assigned for the deed.

George W. Bray, of Capitol Heights Md., has written Adjutant General W. W. Sale, enclosing his bill for three months' services rendered the Confederacy during the great civil struggle. Bray states that he was a member of Nelson's Battalion of Light Artillery, stationed at Fort Delaware, and was captured at Waynesboro in March, 1862. From that date until June following he was in a Northern prison. The Confederacy, he says, has never paid him a cent for his services.

Three hundred thousand dollars is the amount of United States Treasury funds on deposit in Richmond national banks that will be withdrawn on January 1, 1916, and placed in the Richmond Federal Reserve Bank, which thereafter will act as the depository and fiscal agent for the government in Richmond. Altogether \$7,595,000 of government funds on deposit in the twelve cities where Federal reserve banks are located is to be drawn from the national banks and put in the reserve banks on that date.

Robert Gordon, 13 years old, who was struck by an automobile in Richmond, last week, died Saturday from his injuries.

IN THE CORPORATION COURT FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

Maude Mohun Sunderland vs. David Oliver Sunderland.

Upon the application of the plaintiff, stating specifically the last known place of abode of the defendant and that the defendant is not a resident of the State of Virginia, the court doth grant the following order of publication:

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce a mensa et thoro for the complainant, Maude Mohun Sunderland, from the defendant, David Oliver Sunderland, on the ground of wilful desertion and abandonment without cause or excuse, and upon a proper showing and at the proper time, to have said decree for divorce a mensa et thoro merged into a divorce a vinculo matrimonii which was created by the aforesaid marriage, and for general relief. An affidavit having been filed that the defendant David Oliver Sunderland is not a resident of the State of Virginia, it is this 10th day of November, 1915,

Ordered, that he do appear in the Clerk's Office of the said Court within fifteen (15) days after due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect his interests in this suit, that a copy of this order of publication be inserted once a week for four successive weeks in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, that a copy be posted at the front door of the court house of the said city, on or before the next succeeding rule day after this order is entered, and that a copy of this order of publication shall be mailed by registered mail by the Clerk of this Court addressed to the said non-resident defendant, at Mount Airy, North Carolina, the last known place of abode of the said defendant, which is stated specifically in the application for said order of publication.

A copy test: NEVELL S. GREENAWAY, Clerk. Howard W. Smith, P. Q.

OFFICIAL

Whereas, a question has been raised as to who is entitled to the collection of taxes in the territory recently annexed to the City of Alexandria, and,

Whereas, the City Council of Alexandria believes it is entitled to the same, and is about to proceed with the collection thereof, now, therefore, Be it ordained by the City Council of Alexandria that as to all persons assessed with taxes in the said recently annexed territory who shall voluntarily pay the same to the City Council of Alexandria, that the City Council of Alexandria will indemnify and save them harmless against all claims that may be made against them by reason of the payment of said taxes to the said City Council; and should it be determined that the City Council was not entitled to collect said taxes, then the said City Council will refund any such taxes so voluntarily paid to it.

Passed the Common Council Nov. 25, 1915.

HOWARD W. SMITH, President. Passed the Board of Aldermen Nov. 23, 1915.

HENRY K. FIELD, President.

Approved Nov. 27th, 1915. THOMAS A. FISHER, Mayor.

Teste: Daniel R. Stansbury, Clerk.

Stomach Troubles

Persons who have stomach troubles, are apt to become discouraged. They will see by the following that their chances of recovery are excellent. A K. Williams, Independence, Va., tells of a remarkable cure that was effected in that vicinity. One of his customers was so badly afflicted with stomach trouble that he was sent to a hospital, but received little benefit and came home to die. Mr. Williams suggested that he try Chamberlain's Tablets which he did, and today he is a well-man and weighs 175 pounds. Obtainable everywhere.

Oysters in all Styles at the Rammel Mel Cafe.

The Supreme Court of Appeals on Saturday heard argument in the case of the Davy-Pocahontas Coal Company, against Kaylor, from Norfolk City Circuit Court, and then ordered a recess till January 4th, when the winter term will begin.

The Norfolk Savings and Loan Corporation with a subscribed capital of between \$50,000 and \$60,000 has been organized. The authorized capital is \$100,000.

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